

## ARRESTS IN RICE CASE.

Lawyer Patrick and Valet Jones Accused of Forgery.

### \$120,000 THE AMOUNT INVOLVED.

Police Authorities Believe That There Was a Gigantic Conspiracy to Get the Millionaire's Estate—Alleged Forgeries on Checks and Assignments—Securities Found in Strong Box Worth \$2,000,000.

New York City (Special).—All the elements which would enter into a bold and gigantic plot to obtain fraudulently an estate worth several millions of dollars were present in the recusations which were Friday made against Albert T. Patrick and Charles S. Jones, the attorney and valet respectively of William M. Rice, the Texas millionaire, who died suddenly nearly two weeks ago, under circumstances that induced the coroner's office to institute an investigation.

A. T. Patrick was arrested upon a charge of forging Mr. Rice's name to two checks for \$55,000 and \$65,000 respectively. Charles S. Jones was arrested as Patrick's accomplice. In addition to the two checks on which the arrest was made, the police authorities believe that two other checks, one for \$155,000, the other for \$25,000, both of which were presented for payment or certification after Mr. Rice's death, are also forgeries. They also believe that the last will of Mr. Rice is a forgery. This will would turn over to Patrick the entire Rice fortune of something like \$15,000,000. Both Patrick and Jones were held in bail of \$10,000 each when they were arraigned in court charged with forgery.

Five handwriting experts unhesitatingly declare that the signatures to the checks for \$55,000 and \$65,000 are clumsy forgeries, traced with a dry pen and then filled in with ink. While no more serious crime than forgery has been charged against either of the two men now under arrest, the police are convinced that Mr. Rice died the victim of an assassin. They point to the vast fortune as a motive for the deed, and then turn to the forged documents to furnish corroborative evidence.

Dr. Walter Curry, who attended old Mr. Rice during the last five months of his life, it has been learned, was introduced by Patrick. Nux vomica, according to Dr. Curry, was prescribed by him as a tonic for the old man and administered daily by Jones. It is a deadly poison in large doses.

Mr. Rice died suddenly. No physician was in attendance. He was alone in his apartments with his valet, Jones, when the end came and had seen no one else for hours.

Lawyer Patrick was the first man summoned after death. He gave directions to have the body embalmed when he knew that the deceased had especially and emphatically declared against it. The embalming was to be followed promptly by cremation.

In the District Attorney's office the opinion prevails that a conspiracy of great proportions will be uncovered when the case comes to trial and that it will be demonstrated that forgery and murder have been closely allied in an attempt to obtain possession of the millions that were owned by William Marsh Rice.

Property of the Rice estate found in the New York Security vaults is valued at about \$2,000,000.

## WASHINGTON BARS TOY HOOPS.

Ordinance Issued Forbidding Them Being Rolled on the Streets.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—An ordinance has been issued prohibiting the rolling of hoops in Washington. This is a result of the incident a few days ago when a 12th girl rolled a hoop into the slot of the electric railway. The hoop became charged with electricity and died up the street car system.

The police have been directed to watch for children who roll hoops and repress the practice. The hoops are to be confiscated.

## Soldiers Escape, But Die of Exposure.

General MacArthur, at Manila, reported to the War Department, at Washington, that five soldiers died in the mountains of Laguna Province, after having made their escape from the insurgents, by whom they had been captured. It is supposed that they perished from starvation and exposure after having lost their way.

## Farmer Baldwin Dead.

Horace Baldwin, the plucky old man of Unionville, N. J., who defended his home against the assault of his former servant, Thomas Doyle, died from the bullet wounds which Doyle inflicted with a revolver while trying to force his way into the house to kill Miss Grace Baldwin.

## The Population of Arkansas.

The Census Bureau, at Washington, has announced officially the population of Arkansas, the first of the States to be enumerated. The population, according to the recent census is 1,311,564. This is an increase over the population in 1890 of 183,383, or 16.25 per cent.

## Georgia Democrats by 65,000 Plurality.

The Democratic State ticket in Georgia was elected by a plurality exceeding 65,000. The Populist party did not poll half the votes cast for its nominees two years ago. Governor Candier was re-elected.

## THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

**Washington Items.**  
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Taylor dismissed three employes of the Barge Office in New York City on charges of brutality and of exacting illegal fees.

Negotiations are about to be reopened between the Navy Department and Mr. Marconi, the inventor of the wireless telegraph system, for installing the system on board ships of the United States Navy.

Recent advices indicate that the European Powers are nearing an agreement on their policy in China, and that the prospect of a peaceful settlement is growing much brighter.

Lieutenant Hobson applied to the Navy Department for six months' leave of absence, because of trouble which has developed with his eyes. It has been decided to sell the old single turret monitor Nantuxet and the tug Chayenne. A naval barge recently appraised the former vessel at \$15,000 and the tug at \$5000.

**Our Adopted Islands.**  
Insurgents have killed Max Wagner, of the Twenty-eighth Regiment of Volunteer Infantry, near Pavia, Island of Panay, P. I.

The Island of Guam has been detached from the jurisdiction of the Asiatic naval station and made a separate station of the Government and the Navy Department.

General MacArthur, at Manila, has ordered General Hare to go to the Island of Marinduque and to stamp out the insurrection there absolutely.

No case of yellow fever has been reported at Santiago, Cuba, since last December.

Official reports have been received of insurgent activity in Zamboanga Province and in Batangas Province, P. I.

Judge Reuben D. Silliman, Second Circuit Judge in Hawaii, has resigned because of the inadequacy of the salary.

## Domestic.

Massachusetts Republicans nominated Winthrop Murray Crane for Governor.

Lawrence Townsend, Minister to Belgium, sailed from New York City for his post.

The Vermont Legislature assembled in joint session, and Governor-elect W. W. Stiekeley was inaugurated.

Colonel C. H. Voute, Street Commissioner of Toledo; A. G. Kinney, his secretary, and Barney Mattamore, his foreman, were indicted by the Lucas County Grand Jury on a charge of falsifying pay rolls.

Mrs. Henry Blaisel tried to kindle a fire with kerosene at Charleston, W. Va., killing her baby and fatally burning herself.

Cocaine was successfully used as an anesthetic in surgical cases in San Francisco and Chicago.

The gumboot Dorothea, ordered to the Asiatic station, was placed in commission at League Island, Penn.

The steamship Senator arrived at Seattle, Wash., from Nome, with 113 passengers and \$500,000 worth of gold.

The State Supreme Court of Michigan declared the act granting a bounty of one cent a pound on all beet sugar manufactured in the State unconstitutional. The act was passed by the Legislature of 1897.

The Rev. William Luckerville, pastor of the Reformed Church of Glen Rock, near Ridgewood, N. J., was struck by a train at Ferndale and killed. He was thirty-five years old.

Rodney Lowry, nephew of former Governor Lowry, of Mississippi, fought a duel in Moncksville, Ala., with W. H. White. Both were wounded fatally. The duel was the result of hot words which had passed between them.

Coal companies in the anthracite region of Pennsylvania posted notices offering ten per cent increase in wages to miners who return to work.

Paul Sloan, a Deputy Sheriff, was shot and killed at Lake Charles, La., while saving the life of a negro from a mob's vengeance.

Inspired by jealousy, Seymour Campbell, of Wakefield, Mass., tried to kill his wife and a neighbor, Mrs. Timothy Murphy, and then cut his own throat.

John Confee Fairfax, eleventh Lord Fairfax, and Baron of Cameron, in the peerage of Scotland, died at his country home in Northampton, Md. He was believed to be the only British peer with American citizenship.

## Foreign.

Charged with complicity in defrauding the merchants' bank, at Halifax, N. S., out of \$220,000, Thomas J. Chisholm, manager of the Montreal Cold Storage and Freezing Company, was arrested at Montreal.

General Chaffee and the Russian General have notified Count Von Walderssee, Commander-in-Chief of the international forces, of the withdrawal of their troops from China.

The Military Governor of the Transvaal has made preparations for the return of 3000 to 4000 refugees weekly.

The Manchurian Princes, Governor and Generals have memorialized the court to return to Peking.

Owing to the devastation wrought by storms soldiers were sent to help gather the crops in the vineyards of several French provinces.

United States Ambassador Choate returned to London from St. Moritz, Switzerland, where he went recently for a brief vacation.

War taxes on imports into Venezuela have been abrogated.

A new Peruvian Cabinet has been formed by Senor Domingo Almenara.

## TRAIN ROBBER SHOT DEAD

Express Messenger Stops a Daring Hold-Up in Iowa.

Escapes From the Car and Kills Highwayman Who Was Guarding Train Crew—Other Robber Flees.

Council Bluffs, Iowa (Special).—While the Kansas City passenger train was crossing the Mosquito Creek bridge two men climbed aboard, aimed revolvers at the engineer and fireman and compelled them to stop. Then the robbers visited the express car and ordered Messenger Charles Baxter to open the door. He refused to do so. Under compulsion, Eugene Donnelly attached a stick of dynamite to the side door of the car and blew it open. In the meantime, Messenger Baxter seized his gun and escaped from the door on the opposite side of the car. As soon as the door was opened one of the robbers entered the car, while his companions marched the engineer and fireman back to the engine.

Baxter crept around in front of the engine, and seeing the robber keeping guard over the engine crew, fired one shot and killed him instantly. As soon as the shot was fired the robber in the car jumped to the ground and fled through a cornfield.

The dead man was picked up, placed on board, and the train was backed into the city. The body was partly identified as that of a barber, who worked here a short time.

The robber who escaped was larger and taller than the dead man, being apparently over six feet in height. Both men were masked.

## A MOTHER'S AWFUL DEED.

Kills Two Children, Wounds a Third, and Commits Suicide.

New York City (Special).—Mrs. Lillian Smith, thirty-three years old, wife of a Walter Smith, who is employed in a Broadway dry goods store, killed herself, her six-year-old son Andrew, and her four-year-old daughter Mabel, at Kingsbridge. She used a revolver and carbolic acid, and she also shot her daughter Ethel, twelve years old, twice in the breast. The girl will recover. A fit of temporary insanity, apparently due to nervous trouble of long standing, drove her to the deed.

Mrs. Smith left a letter addressed to her husband, in which she said that she had felt a strange impulse to kill herself and the children. She felt unable to overcome the impulse and she added that she loved the children dearly and was still devoted to her husband. She begged his forgiveness for what she was about to do and said good-bye.

The revolver with which the shooting was done was of thirty-eight calibre, and of the most powerful type for its bore. A box of cartridges lay near the revolver, showing that the maddened woman had reloaded it during the progress of the slaughter. A pint bottle that had contained the poison was standing on a table nearby empty. Mrs. Smith herself was shot through the heart.

## LAST CARGO FROM NEW ORLEANS.

Great Britain Shipped Fifty-six Loads of Mules Worth Over \$6,000,000.

New Orleans, La. (Special).—The steamer Montezuma left with a cargo of mules and horses for the British army in South Africa. Her cargo is the last of the kind to go there. The horse and mule-buying agency established here has been broken up, and the officers who have had charge of it will leave for home.

The agency was established here in October, 1899. Since October 10 fifty-six steamers have left New Orleans for Cape Town, East London and Delagoa Bay, all in South Africa, carrying 42,169 American mules and 18,482 American horses for the use of the British army operating against the Boers. These animals were inventoried as worth \$6,190,255, but were probably worth considerably more.

The vessels took large stocks of hay, oats and feed with them, bringing the total value of their cargoes up to over \$10,000,000. Between 3000 and 4000 Americans went to South Africa as mule tenders, about one-fourth of whom remained there, many of them entering the British military service.

## ELOPERS WED ON A FERRY.

Pursuers of Boy and Schoolgirl Just Five Minutes Too Late.

Paducah, Ky. (Special).—While the pursuers stood on the bank behind them and howled "Come back," J. E. Rushing, aged eighteen, of Stewart County, Tenn., and Miss Annie Havrell, a sixteen-year-old schoolgirl, in short dresses, were married on board a ferryboat. The license was procured in Kentucky. The boat when the ceremony took place had passed the low-water line of the river.

Now the question has arisen, is the couple legally married? The boy and girl eluded pursuit by coming up the river in a boat to Paducah. Then they crossed to the Illinois shore on a ferryboat. The pursuers were just five minutes too late.

## SAVAGES KILL A VESSEL'S CREW.

Captain and Twenty Men Massacred by Negro Islanders.

Vancouver, B. C. (Special).—The steamer Minvera, from Australia, brings from Los Negros a story of the wrecking of the trading bark Almond, which ran ashore on a coral reef and was surrounded by hundreds of savages, who murdered Captain Lyne, First Officer John Gardard, Second Officer Peter Mullen, three white and fifteen native sailors by beating them to death with clubs.

## STRIKERS STAND FIRM.

An Advance in Wages Fails to Reopen the Collieries.

### BIG CONFERENCE OF OPERATORS

Twenty-two Companies Meet in Wilkesbarre, But Could Not Agree on an Offer—Lehigh Valley Acts Alone, and Offers a Ten Per Cent. Increase—Strikers Add to Their Ranks.

Wilkesbarre, Penn. (Special).—The coal operators of the Wyoming, Lackawanna, and Lehigh Valley regions held a meeting in this city and thoroughly discussed the whole situation, nearly all those present taking part in the discussion. The powder question was the chief subject of debate, and next came the recognition of the union. So far as can be learned, none of the operators were in favor of recognizing the union in any way.

Twenty-two companies were represented in the meeting, but no agreement was reached. The Lehigh Valley Company decided to post notices agreeing to increase wages ten per cent and to "take up" other grievances. The notice added that powder would be sold for \$1.50 a keg, but that the difference between that and the old rate, \$2.75, shall be taken into account in figuring the advance of ten per cent.

The offer to increase their wages ten per cent. did not induce any of the strikers in the anthracite coal region to return to work.

Hazleton, Penn. (Special).—Notices of the increase in wages and the reduction in the price of powder decided upon by the operators at Wilkesbarre were posted at all of the collieries in the Lehigh region.

### MORE STRIKERS GO OUT.

Advance in Wages Ineffective in Inducing Men to Return to Work.

Hazleton, Penn. (Special).—Although the labor leaders said positively that they did not fear a break in the ranks of the anthracite coal strikers, they were nevertheless pleased to learn that the ten per cent. advance granted by the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company was totally ignored by the striking mine workers. It was predicted by the operators that many of the strikers would return to work under the belief that the ten per cent. would be the limit of the concession, and the unanimity of the men in deciding to stand out for a further advance caused considerable surprise.

The strike situation of the Lehigh Valley showed a change in favor of the men. Several hundred men quit work at the Calvin Pardee mines at Lattimer, as the result of persuasion on the part of 400 marching strikers, and at Onedia and Cranberry the coal companies lost additional men.

President Mitchell, the leader of the strikers, said that he did not believe the companies could hold out much longer.

### Mr. Hanna on the Strike.

Chicago (Special).—"Any man who would put a straw in the way of a settlement of the great coal miners' strike now progressing in Pennsylvania should be taken out to the nearest lamp-post and hanged," said Senator Hanna. He added: "I do not want to talk about the strike. No one should be permitted to use it for political capital. It is the duty of every man to do his utmost to end the deplorable trouble."

### NEXT YEAR'S NAVAL ESTIMATES.

Construction, \$20,000,000; Repairs, \$7,000,000; Yards, \$12,000,000.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The annual reports from the Naval Bureau chiefs, outlining the naval work to be done during the coming year, are now complete and in the hands of Secretary Long.

The chief item, as usual, is that for the "mercenaries of the navy," covering both construction and engineering work on ships already authorized. This will be in the neighborhood of \$20,000,000. In the branch of yards and docks it is understood the total will not be far from \$13,000,000, and will not involve any additional dry docks or extensive changes in naval stations. In addition to the foregoing items there is the usual sum for repair of vessels already in service, which is a considerable item, amounting this year to approximately \$7,000,000.

### ASKS \$10,000 FROM MURDERERS.

Wife Sues the Nesbits, Who Killed Her Husband.

Marion, Ind. (Special).—Mrs. Elizabeth Stillwell has filed suit in the Superior Court for \$10,000 damages against Jack and William Nesbitt.

The Nesbits shot and killed Mrs. Stillwell's husband at Swanton September 5. The Sheriff and posse pursued the Nesbits and captured them, and they remain in jail here awaiting trial for murder. They own six good farms in this county.

### Nearly All His Family Killed.

Apprentice J. C. Cleveland, of the United States battleship Texas, has received information from Major Jones, of Galveston, Texas, that his father, stepmother, two sisters, a brother, stepbrothers and sisters had been killed in the boat at Galveston. One brother, who chanced to be in Houston, escaped. Cleveland obtained twenty days' leave of absence to visit Galveston.

## HIS TERRIBLE REVENGE

Italian Brigand Kills a Judge, Witnesses, Jurors and Soldiers.

Imprisoned For Murder, He Escapes and Starts Out to Slay All Connected With His Trial.

Rome (By Cable).—All Italy is in a state of excitement over the exploits of the brigand Mussolino, whose murder record is rapidly nearing champion figures. Some time ago he was convicted of the murder of an inoffensive peasant and sentenced to twenty-five years' imprisonment. He recently escaped and took to the open country as a brigand with the avowed object of taking vengeance upon everybody connected with the trial.

An enterprising reporter, taking his life in his hands, obtained an interview with the blood-stained ruffian, Mussolino said:

"I harm nobody who has not injured me. I am no vulgar malefactor, but take my word, I will kill every one of the scoundrels who denounced me to the law and gave evidence against me; the members of the jury who dared to find me guilty of a common crime and the judges who had the audacity to send me to prison, all shall know what it means to be the enemy of Mussolino. But all other people need not fear. I protect them."

Such wholesale threats would be protegee in any other country, but Mussolino is a man of his word. Murder has followed murder with incredible rapidity, and, after all, the head runs no particular risk, as there is no capital punishment in Italy, and if captured he will be no worse off than if he had merely hidden after escaping. He has already killed every man who gave evidence against him, and has murdered seven of the jury, while two others are awaiting their doom in a state of abject terror, although protected by the police night and day. The remaining three died natural deaths, or, as some say, unnatural deaths from fright.

Apart from his legitimate quarry, so to speak, Mussolino has incidentally killed two carabinieri. The last crime was committed a few days ago, when he ambushed the six members of his revolver into Judge Zizilli, a member of the court which had sentenced him. The Judge is dead, of course, and his sons and brothers are now joining in the chase of the murderer.

All these crimes have been committed in the province of Reggio Calabria. The desperado is absolutely terrorizing the entire province. His courage and indomitable nerve are superb. He does not confine his murderous work to the country or to the night time. Several times he has entered towns and villages in broad daylight, killed his victim and disappeared—this despite the fact that a prize of 10,000 liras is upon his head and that the entire provincial force of gendarmes and militia were hunting him.

Mussolino is about twenty-eight years old and of fine physique, like the robbers of romance. He is kind to the poor and has a pretty way with women, who are believed to act as willing intelligence officers.

The great trial at Palermo consequent upon the latest effort to extirpate brigandage in Sicily has just been concluded. It lasted three months and was full of exciting dramatic incidents, but the Italians have not taken nearly as much interest in it as Mussolino's murderous exploits. The Palermo prisoners numbered 248. They were accused of all possible crimes from murder to housebreaking. The sentences passed aggregated the stupendous total of sixteen centuries, than which there is surely nothing more remarkable outside of comic opera.

### BIG BRAINS IN BIG CHILDREN.

Conclusion Reached After Examining 7000 Pupils in the Chicago Schools.

Chicago (Special).—The rule of a sound mind in a sound body is demonstrated by experiments which were carried on last year in Chicago schools by the child study department. To obtain statistics which could be used as a basis for comparison 7000 pupils were examined by the department. Taking children of the same age the results showed that small children on an average are not so bright as the average among children physically larger.

The examinations which led to these conclusions were held in schools where there was the largest proportion of pupils descended from American-born parents. The average height of pupils twelve years old, who are in the second grade, is four feet four and three-tenths inches, while the twelve-year-old pupils who go to the eighth grade average five inches taller. The same rule is found in the examination of children of all other grades and is also shown in all figures of weight and strength.

### COEUR D'ALENE STRIKERS FREED.

Charge of Interfering With Mails in Attacking a Train Dismissed.

San Francisco (Special).—The United States Circuit Court of Appeals has rendered a decision quashing the indictments against ten men who were arrested at Coeur d'Alene during the mining strike last year for interfering with the United States mails.

It was shown that the men did not know that the train which they interfered with carried the mails.

Thirty Hurt in Street Car Wreck. A street car plunged from the track into Chisom Creek at Wichita, Kan., and about thirty persons were hurt, three fatally. The car was running at the rate of about fifteen miles an hour.

## RAM'S HORN BLASTS.



HERE are too many Christians who are only leavened in spots.

We cannot create spiritual power, but we may create its conditions.

Public wrongs will not be righted till men are saved from personal sin.

No, who could face the world, was overthrown alone in his own vineyard.

A man's life never rises above its perpetual sources, hence the need of being born from above.

The taste of the fruits of the tree of life forever spall the appetite for the bitter weeds of the world.

It is better to have a dog come in and stir up an excitement among the pews than to have no interest in the meeting at all.

It is not the flower-pot that makes the blossoms.

Ground that is barren to seed is often rich in gold.

Dullness sometimes poses the depth.

There is no individual liberty apart from social responsibility.

It only takes two to make a Christian—Christ and the lost one.

Wings of prayer can carry you where serpents of sin cannot crawl.

A vice is always more dangerous than a crime.

To substitute the good is the best way to eradicate the bad.

It is vain boasting of your sap unless you produce the fruit.

### Charged With Killing His Brother.

Stephen Carter, a sixteen-year-old son of Joseph Carter, of Jeffersonville, Ind., is said to have accidentally blown his head off, as his brother, John Carter, claimed. Instead, John murdered him, it is alleged, after a quarrel over a rabbit while hunting and is now in jail.

### Shipping Cabbages to Germany.

Bay City, Mich., is shipping cabbages to Germany via New York City. The crop in Germany was a partial failure this year. The cabbages bring only \$3 a ton, loaded on cars.

### Prominent People.

The oldest of the colonial representatives in London is Lord Strathmore, of Canada.

Lieutenant Holson, the hero of the Merrimac, is on duty at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

President Eliot, of Harvard, has for late years been evincing interest in athletics with which he was of old little credited.

General Stewart L. Woodford, former Minister to Spain, was married to Miss Isabel Hanson, his private secretary, at New York City.

### Secretary Hay Returns to Duty.

Secretary Hay has returned to Washington from his outing in the New Hampshire hills, and resumed his official duties in the State Department somewhat improved in health, but not entirely recovered from his recent indisposition.

### Woman's Catastrophic Dies.

Mrs. Ann Brown Rowe died at Whitehall, N. Y., aged 82 years. She was probably the oldest person in Northern New York. Had she lived three months longer she would have lived in three centuries.

### Newsy Gleanings.

A trust has been formed to control the output and sale of bombers and other sea food.

A northeaster has destroyed Grand Portal, one of the famous pictured rocks on Lake Superior.

Paris is holding its first postage stamp exhibition and the stamps exhibited are insured for \$200,000.

Disorders have broken out at Satal near Canton, China. Several villages have been destroyed and others besieged.

### Boer Armaments Captured.

General Roberts sent the following dispatch to the War Office in London: "Rundell's troops in the Bethlehem district have recaptured from the Boers a mountain battery gun lost at Nicholson's Nek, and also 65,000 rounds of Martini-Henry ammunition."

### France's Expenses in China.

When the Chambers reassemble the French Government will publish a yellow book on China and ask for an extra credit of \$8,000,000.

### Labor World.

The strike of steel workers in the West has been settled, and about sixty thousand men have returned to work.

James McDonald, an American engineer, has arranged to take 5000 Japanese laborers to build a railroad in Ecuador.

There are thirty-three jute mills in India, employing 95,540 persons. The mills contain 13,371 looms and over 87,000 spindles. Nearly all of the mills are in the neighborhood of Calcutta.

A Scotchman succeeds the gifted Irishman, Sir Charles Russell, as Lord Chief Justice of England.